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NOTE FOR: Jim Taylor
Bill Donnelly

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Field Automation Proposal

Here is the latest draft incorporating
all of the suggestions to date.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Information Processing in the Foreign Field ☐

1. In 1985, with the creation of the Office of Information Technology, we made a significant organizational move to position us for the future. We brought under one roof most of the resources needed to effectively manage our domestic information handling systems. ☐

2. We are now at the threshold of an era in which the Agency will considerably expand its use of information handling systems in the foreign field. This presents us with an opportunity to focus the resources needed to optimally manage our overseas systems before the inevitable proliferation occurs. It is now appropriate to consider consolidating, in one organization, responsibility for the information handling systems supporting our overseas stations and bases. Such a consolidation should foster better integration of our field communications and automation programs, thus allowing us to manage these converging technologies more effectively. A single point of management will also facilitate a comprehensive and consistent approach to dealing with critically important security challenges as well, as command and control issues. Finally, it should reduce the burden upon our chiefs of station through improved coordination of installation and service. ☐

3. I believe it is timely to consider the possible advantages of unifying in the Office of Communications all of those with the responsibility, pride and enthusiasm for delivery of information handling services in the foreign field. This would include those in Field Systems Group of Information Management Staff as well as individuals in other components who are directly involved in the acquisition, deployment, support or security of our automated systems in the field. I suggest that we form a team chaired by the Office of Communications to draft a proposal for accomplishing this merger. Affected components should be given an opportunity to comment as soon as the details have been pulled together. ☐

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4. We have begun to realize the benefits from consolidating support for our domestic information handling systems. Let us consider similar measures for the overseas environment so that we may take advantage of this opportunity to ease the burden on our operational people abroad as well as prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.

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James H. Taylor

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